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Col. Donald R. Erbschloe

Col. Erbschloe named commander of AFOSR

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ARLINGTON, Va. — Col. Donald R. Erbschloe has been named the commander and deputy director of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) in Arlington, Va. He assumed command Jan. 31 from Col. Steven G. Reznick, who retired.

Erbschloe had been the AFOSR's Director of Policy and Integration, the organization's largest directorate, based in Ballston, Va., since November 2001.

He is now responsible for the technical planning, external AFOSR relations, and personnel management for the AFOSR and its two foreign technology offices in London and Tokyo. He will oversee the AFOSR's \$400 million annual research budget that supports more than 5,000 worldwide basic research projects critical to the defense of the United States.

In his previous post, Erbschloe was responsible for planning, budget formulation, financial management, data and information management, communications/computer systems, protocol, public affairs and marketing, security and policy management, facility and supply management, and historical record maintenance in support of the execution of AFOSR's basic research mission.

Erbschloe was commissioned as a second lieutenant at the University of Virginia through the Reserve Officer Training Corps program in May 1976. He graduated from Undergraduate Pilot Training at Reese Air Force Base, Texas, in 1978. His career has seen him log nearly 4,000 flying hours, run an Operations Center during Operation Just Cause, lead 90 pilots as chief pilot of his flying squadron during Operations Desert Shield and Storm and served three tours at the Air Force Academy as a physics professor and director of faculty research. The colonel attended the University of Oxford for his doctorate. @